$$A_0$$
- A_1 - A_2 - A_3 - A_4 - A_5 - A_6 - A_7 - A_8 - A_9 - A_{10} (I)

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, solvate or prodrug thereof, wherein:

A0 is an acyl group selected from:

(1) R-(CH₂)_n-C(O)-; wherein n is an integer from 0 to 8 and R is selected from hydroxyl; methyl; N-acetylamino; methoxyl; carboxyl; cyclohexyl optionally containing one or two double bonds and optionally substituted with one to three hydroxyl groups; and a 5- or 6-membered aromatic or nonaromatic ring optionally containing one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, wherein the ring is optionally substituted with a moiety selected from alkyl, alkoxy, and halogen;

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1 and 12 with the following correspondingly numbered claims:

1 (Twice Amended). A compound of the formula:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, solvate or prodrug thereof, wherein:

A₀ is an acyl group selected from:

(1) R-(CH₂)_n-C(O)-; wherein n is an integer from 0 to 8 and R is selected from hydroxyl; methyl; N-acetylamino; methoxyl; carboxyl; cyclohexyl optionally containing one or two double bonds and optionally substituted with one to three hydroxyl groups; and a 5- or 6-membered aromatic or nonaromatic ring optionally containing one or two heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur, wherein the ring is optionally substituted with a moiety selected from alkyl, alkoxy, and halogen; and